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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Joint Atomic Energy
Intelligence Committee

FROM: Chairman, NIS Committee

SUBJECT: NIS Requirements on Peaceful Uses of
Atomic Energy

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1. The NIS requirements on atomic energy are presently covered in Section 73 (Atomic Energy). However, the rapid progress in peaceful uses of atomic energy, particularly as a source of industrial power and ship propulsion, will eventually require their extended coverage in context with related topics of other NIS sections. In this respect, the Office of the Chief of Engineers in attached memorandum proposes to include atomic energy in its coverage of sources of energy for the production of electric power in Subsection 2D of the NIS.

2. The NIS Committee considered this matter and has concluded that the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee is the responsible body to exercise surveillance in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy and to alert the NIS Committee when those uses have transcended the research and development phases so that suitable arrangements can be concluded with related NIS contributors to assume production responsibilities.

3. During the transitional period between the development and full-fledged industrial and other peaceful uses of atomic energy, the NIS Committee suggests that the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee prepare appropriate contributions to related scheduled NIS sections in order to provide well-rounded topical coverage.

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